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Letter dated 11 July 2005 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint declaration of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America on development and enhancement of the east-west energy transport corridor, signed at the opening of the Baky-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline on 25 May 2005 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 54 (a), 56 and 58 (a) of the preliminary list of its sixtieth session.

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Annex to the letter dated 11 July 2005 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General

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Baky Declaration on Development and Enhancement of the East-West Energy Transport Corridor

The Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the United States of America, further referred as "States",

Noting with great satisfaction the inauguration of the Baky-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline and the progress achieved on the South Caucasian Gas Pipeline (Baky-Tbilisi-Erzurum),

Convinced that their common interest in the development of energy resources and strengthening of international investment requires continued mutual cooperation and joint effort,

Believing that both the steady development of the rich hydrocarbon resources of the Caspian Sea and the development of projects for the efficient transport of these resources to world markets, create new opportunities for economic cooperation,

Taking into account the common interest of the States in effectively developing Caspian hydrocarbon resources while protecting the environment,

Expressing their conviction that the democratic development of the region hinges on vibrant free market economies and on the responsible development of natural resources, and that strengthening rule of law, the protection of human rights, and the principles of transparency and competition is essential,

Taking into account previous arrangements and statements, in particular the Memorandum on 11 July 1997 between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Kazakhstan on cooperation in transportation of oil to international markets; the Ankara Declaration of 29 October 1998; the Istanbul Declaration of 18 November 1999; BTC Intergovernmental Agreement of 18 November 1999,

Have declared as follows:

The States recognize that the development of oil and gas resources within the framework of an East-West Energy Corridor has created a strong foundation for economic growth, regional stability and international energy security.

The States underscore the significance of the exceptional success achieved in increasing Caspian hydrocarbon production and in the creation of a world-class upstream and transportation infrastructure, in particular the Baky-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline.

The States commend the exemplary commercial partnerships that have brought state-of-the-art technology and management to the region and thus have been central to developing the East-West Energy Corridor.

The States declare their support for the development of environmentally safe, secure, and commercially sustainable projects on strengthening and enhancing the East-West Energy Corridor and look forward to the successful completion of the South Caucasian Gas Pipeline (Baky-Tbilisi-Erzurum).

The States support the creation of favourable conditions for insuring reliable and safe operation of the Baky-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline and strengthen cooperation and interaction in this direction.

The States fully support the transport of oil and gas from the Republic of Kazakhstan through the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey and thence to world markets.

Done at Baky on May 25, 2005 in one original copy, in English and Russian.

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